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In re application of:

Kohei FUKAYA, et al.

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For: BALLOON CATHETER

Art Unit: 3763

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.☒ No additional fee is required.

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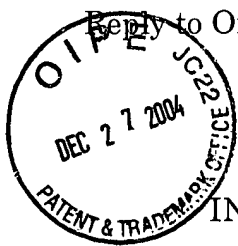
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2004, please amend the
above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.